

Table 5-8. Benefits Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance System

Benefit Years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012

Monthly Compensation Base	
Base Year 2008.....	\$1,280.00
Base Year 2009.....	\$1,330.00
Base Year 2010.....	\$1,330.00
Qualifying Wages..... 2.5 times the monthly compensation base	
Base Year 2008.....	\$3,200.00
Base Year 2009.....	\$3,325.00
Base Year 2010.....	\$3,325.00
Daily Benefit Rate	
Basic Rate.....	60% of daily rate of pay
Maximum.....	5 Percent of Base year Monthly Compensation Base
Benefit Year 2009-2010.....	\$64
Benefit Year 2010-2011.....	\$66
Benefit Year 2011-2012.....	\$66
Minimum.....	\$12.70
Maximum Normal Benefits	
For 14-day Period:	
Benefit Year 2009-2010.....	\$640
Benefit Year 2010-2011.....	\$660
Benefit Year 2011-2012.....	\$660
For Benefit Year:	
Duration.....	130 Compensable Days
Amount ^a	
Benefit Year 2009-2010.....	\$8,320
Benefit Year 2010-2011.....	\$8,580
Benefit Year 2011-2012.....	\$8,580
Maximum Extended Benefits ^b	
10 or More Years of Service:	
Duration:.....	65 Compensable Days
Amount:	
Benefit Year 2009-2010.....	\$4,170
Benefit Year 2010-2011.....	\$4,290
Benefit Year 2011-2012.....	\$4,290

Source: U.S. Railroad Retirement Board.

Notes: Some net sickness benefit payments are somewhat less than the above amounts since they are subject to tier I railroad retirement taxes.

- a. Not to exceed the employee's earnings in the base year, counting earnings up to \$1,653 a month for benefit year 2009-2010 (base year 2008), \$1,718 a month for benefit year 2010-2011 (base year 2009) and \$1,718 a month for benefit year 2011-2012 (base year 2010).
- b. Under provisions of the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, as amended by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, employees with less than 10 years of service are eligible for up to 65 compensable days ended unemployment benefits in benefit years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, and employees with 10 or more years of service are eligible for up to 130 days.